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In re Application of	:	
Shinichiro Yamashita	:	
Serial No.: 10/806,986	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 22, 2004	:	
For: Storage System, Control Method for	:	
Storage System, and Storage Control	:	
Unit	:	

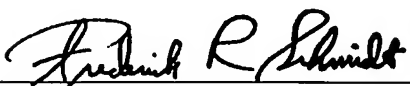
This is in response to the original petition applicant filed on January 24, 2005 and the resubmission filed October 6, 2005, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d).

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, VIII, thus the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact Frederick Schmidt by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 3700, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or by telephone at (571) 272-2975 or by facsimile transmission at (571) 273-8300.

The delay in responding to the Petition is truly regretted.

  
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